

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Development of Cross Border Tourism
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop cross border tourism with the neighbouring countries through the development of International Tourism Circuit and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to develop tourist spots through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Model and if so, the amount allocated by the Government for this purpose during the last three years; and
- (c) whether the inflow of tourists in the North East Region (NER) is very low in comparison to other parts of the country and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India collaborates with its neighbouring countries for promotion of tourism destinations and circuits. As an outcome of the 5th SAARC Tourism working Group meeting held on 25th - 26th November 2015 at New Delhi, Ministry of Tourism has formulated itineraries based on themes such as Buddhist Circuit, Archaeological Sites, Adventure and Eco Tourism and has shared the same with the SAARC Secretariat through MEA. During the 1st Joint Working Group meeting on tourism cooperation between India and Nepal both countries agreed to cooperate for promotion of Buddhist Circuit, Hindu Circuit and Adventure Tourism. During the Joint Working Group meetings between India and Sri Lanka it has been agreed to assist each other in carrying out joint collaboration on the Buddhist Circuit and promote Ramayana trail.

(b): Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under Public-Private-Partnership Model in the Large Revenue Generating Scheme to the cap of Rs.25 crore for the development of tourist trains, cruise vessels, golf course etc. During the last three years one project "Integrated Cable Car and Lakeside Tourism Development project at Loktak Lake Manipur" was sanctioned under PPP mode/LRG Scheme for an amount of Rs. 20.35 crore.

(c): There has been an overall growth in the number of total tourist arrivals/visits (foreign and domestic) in the North East Region in the year 2015 as compared to 2014. The total tourist arrivals/visits in the North East Region were 8059306 in 2015 as compared to 7162562 in the year 2014, as per details at Annexure.
